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SUBJECT: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

REF: GREENWALD TO SPRINGSTEEN LETTER OF NOVEMBER 27, 1973

1. SUMMARY. PRESIDENT CORNELIS BERKHOUWER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WILL VISIT THE UNITED STATES DURING APRIL TO GIVE SEVERAL SPEECHES AND TO PARTICIPATE IN A SEMINAR. BERKHOUWER WILL BE IN WASHINGTON APRIL 17 AND THE MORNING OF APRIL 18 AND HAS SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY, IF POSSIBLE. WE RECOMMEND THAT APPOINTMENTS BE MADE FOR HIM WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH, SINCE WE ASSUME APPOINTMENTS WIT THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY ARE NOT POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY.

2. BERKHOUWER WILL BE SPEAKING THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA IN SAN FRANCISCO ON APRIL 15. HE PLANS TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ON APRIL 16 AND IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FROM WASHINGTON IN THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 18 FOR A SEMINAR AT VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AT BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA. HE WILL THUS BE FREE AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE APPOINTMENTS IN
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WASHINGTON ON APRIL 17 AND THE MORNING OF APRIL 18 WITH APPROPRIATE US OFFICIALS. BERKHOUWER HAS INDICATED TO US THAT HE

WOULD APPRECIATE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. IF POSSIBLE.

3. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. BERKHOUWER AND BY MR. FLORUS WIJSENBEEK, HIS CHEF DE CABINET.

4. WE HAVE STRESSED TO BERKHOUWER THE DIFFICULTY OF OBTAINING APPOINTMENTS WITH THE SECRETARY AND THE PRESIDENT. HOWEVER, HE IS OF COURSE AWARE THAT PRESIDENT ORTOLI OF THE COMMISSION HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT NIXON AND LUNCH WITH THE SECRETARY AND FEELS THAT AS THE PRESIDENT OF ONE OF THE COMMUNITY'S PRINCIPAL INSTITUTIONS HE DESERVES SIMILAR RECOGNITION AND TREATMENT. IN ADDITION, WHEN HE VISITS THE CAPITALS OF THE MEMBER STATES, BERKHOUWER IS RECEIVED BY THE CHIEFS OF STATE AND IS GIVEN HIGH LEVEL TREATMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, LUNCH AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE AND DINNER WITH POMPIDOU. WHILE VISITING THE CAPITALS OF MEMBER STATES IS OF COURSE DIFFERENT FROM VISITING THE US, THIS TREATMENT WILL REINFORCE HIS EXPECTATION THAT HE SHOULD BE SUITABLY RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON.

5. IF AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY IS NOT POSSIBLE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER A CALL BY BERKHOUWER ON DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD SUGGEST AN APPOINTMENT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN.

6. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT SUITABLE APPOINTMENTS BE ARRANGED FOR BERKHOUWER WITH THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF CONGRESS. IN ADDITION TO THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF CONGRESS, WE SUGGEST CALLS ON CONGRESSMEN ROSENTHAL AND FRASER OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WHO HAVE HEADED THE DELEGATIONS OF THE US CONGRESS WHICH HAVE HAD A REGULAR PROGRAM OF EXCHANGE VISITS WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT SINCE 1972.

7. IF A CALL ON THE PRESIDENT IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE WOULD SUGGEST A CALL ON VICE PRESIDENT FORD, BOTH IN HIS CAPACITY AS VICE PRESIDENT AND AS PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE SENATE. AS EUR/RPE IS AWARE, BERKHOUWER IS ACQUAINTED WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT, WHOM HE MET SEVERAL TIMES DURING MEETINGS WITH THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION AND TO WHOM HE ADDRESSED A LETTER OF CON-
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GRATULATIONS LAST DECEMBER.

8. THE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MRS. BERKHOUWER. SHE WOULD OF COURSE NOT ACCOMPANY HER HUSBAND ON OFFICIAL CALLS BUT SHOULD PROBABLY BE INCLUDED IN ANY LUNCH OR DINNER INVITATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSULT INFORMALLY WITH THE COMMISSION DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON REGARDING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR BERKHOUWER'S VISITS.
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